

## **REMARKS**

Claims 12-33 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants have amended claims 12, 14, 16, 23, 24, and 26. Support for the amended claims are self-explanatory and supported throughout the specification. Particularly, support for the amended claims 12 and 14 regarding the structure of D and G may be found at Examples 1 to 34 in the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by this response.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112***

The rejection of claims 12, 13, 15, 17-26, and 28-33 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as stated in the Examiner's Action dated February 15, 2006, has not been specifically withdrawn, however, in the absence of a repeated rejection, Applicants believe that they have been overcome by the Amendment of May 15, 2006.

The Examiner's Action dated June 8, 2006 indicated that the "D" unit in generic formula of claim 12 is not in some structures in claims 20-28 and would be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicants have amended claim 12 to more particular point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the subject invention. Accordingly, Applicants believe that any future rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been obviated.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102***

The Examiner's Action dated June 8, 2006 reiterated the rejection of claim 26 as being anticipated by Ittel et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,531,424 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

To anticipate a claim, each and every element of the claim must be taught in a single prior art reference. Applicants have amended claims 12, 14, 16, 23, and 26 to recite the phenylene bridge group as Gd in the structure. As indicated in the Examiner's Action, the Ittel Patent neither teaches nor suggests group "Z" bridging "N" and "Q" to be the phenylene bridge. Group "Z" corresponds to group "Gd" in the structure in the subject application. Applicants have amended claims to recite the phenylene bridging group as Gd. Further, Applicants have amended claims 14 and 23 to become independent claims incorporating the limitations of all based claim and intervening dependent claims while reciting the phenylene bridging group. Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 12, 14, and 23 as amended are not anticipated by the Ittel Patent, as the Ittel Patent neither teaches nor suggests the group Z being a phenylene bridge. Further, dependent claims 13, 15-22, and 24-33 depending on claims 12, 14, and 23 are also patentable over the Ittel Patent. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 12-33 as amended are not anticipated by the Ittel Patent and the rejection should be withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The Examiner's Action indicated that claim 27 would be allowable once all the objection and rejection are overcome.

As discussed, *supra*, Applicants have amended claims 12, 14, 23, 24, and 26 to incorporate the allowable subject matter as indicated in the Examiner's Action. In view

of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 12-33 as amended are all in condition for allowance, early notice of which is requested.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fee be required, please charge same to deposit account no. 22-0261 and notify Applicants' attorney. A Fee Transmittal accompanies this response.

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